

Survey Results

Survey Name: Navarre Beach Community Center Survey
Response Status: Partial & Completed
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1. Do you feel there is a need for a new community center in Navarre?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	117	52.7%
No	70	31.5%
Unsure	35	15.7%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	222	100%
63 Comment(s)		

2. How important is a Navarre Community Center to the overall quality of life of the area?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

Not Important at all	Somewhat imortant	Neutral	Important	Very important
60	30	31	53	48
27%	14%	14%	24%	22%

3. Would a new Navarre Community Center make the area a more attractive place to live?

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	No Impact	Somewhat more attractive	Neutral	More attractive	Very attractive
	67	26	27	57	45
	30%	12%	12%	26%	20%

42 Comment(s)

4. Would you and/or your family use a new community center if it were constructed?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	86	38.7%
No	69	31.0%
Maybe	67	30.1%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	222	100%

43 Comment(s)

5. How often do you or your family use the current community recreation programs - NYSA, YMCA, etc.?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Never	111	50.0%
Less than twice a month	41	18.4%
4-8 times a month	33	14.8%
9-14 times per month	13	5.8%
More than 15 times per month	24	10.8%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	222	100%

6. Would you or your family participate more if additional facilities and/or programs were offered for your/your family's age group(s)?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	112	50.4%
No	56	25.2%
Unsure	54	24.3%
No Responses	0	0.0%
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29 Comment(s)		

7. If constructed, what do you think the primary purpose of a new community center should be? Please rank the following 1-4, with 1 being the most important use.

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.	Most important use			
	1	2	3	4
Create a meeting space for area clubs, nonprofits and rental space for residents	56 25%	43 20%	40 18%	81 37%
Creating a hub for community gathering and entertainment	62 28%	59 27%	76 35%	23 10%
Creating more recreational opportunities for Navarre area residents	48 22%	65 30%	51 23%	56 25%
Creating more social opportunities for youth	54 25%	53 24%	53 24%	60 27%
40 Comment(s)				

8. Should a new community center have exterior space for outdoor activities?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	166	74.7%
No	39	17.5%
Unsure	17	7.6%
No Responses	0	0.0%
Total	222	100%

9. How important would the following amenities in a new community center be for you and your family?

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	Not important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Imortant	Very important
Computer Room	116 53%	22 10%	33 15%	32 15%	16 7%
Exercise Equipment	79 36%	30 14%	36 16%	37 17%	37 17%
Exhibit/Gallery Space	50 23%	40 18%	43 20%	53 24%	33 15%
Kitchen Space	52 24%	35 16%	31 14%	57 26%	44 20%
Meeting space for clubs, family reunions, parties	42 19%	17 8%	26 12%	70 32%	64 29%
Lounge	73 33%	28 13%	49 22%	43 20%	26 12%
Stage	50 23%	24 11%	35 16%	62 28%	48 22%
Outdoor Tennis Courts	87 40%	17 8%	38 17%	46 21%	31 14%
Outdoor Skateboard Park	88 40%	24 11%	34 16%	46 21%	27 12%
Running Track	73 33%	22 10%	30 14%	49 22%	45 21%

44 Comment(s)

10. Should any new facility offer programs like classes and organized group activities?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	161	72.5%
No	42	18.9%
Unsure	16	7.2%
No Responses	3	1.3%
Total	222	100%

11. How important would the following programs or services in a new community center be for you and your family?

Top number is the count of respondents selecting the option. Bottom % is percent of the total respondents selecting the option.

	Not important	Somewhat important	Neutral	Important	Very Important
Aerobic/fitness classes	70 32%	16 7%	46 21%	59 27%	30 14%
After school program	68 31%	25 11%	42 19%	45 20%	41 19%
Arts, crafts & hobbies classes	48 22%	24 11%	37 17%	72 33%	40 18%
Continuing education classes & lectures	47 21%	26 12%	28 13%	75 34%	45 20%
Dance classes	67 30%	26 12%	61 28%	44 20%	23 10%
Theater & film programs	61 28%	19 9%	48 22%	62 28%	31 14%
Music/ entertainment/ social gathering programs	47 21%	22 10%	33 15%	69 31%	50 23%
Senior programs	58 26%	20 9%	35 16%	68 31%	40 18%
Teen programs	46 21%	29 13%	26 12%	65 29%	55 25%
Youth programs	46 21%	26 12%	24 11%	69 31%	56 25%

28 Comment(s)

12. Are there any other community center amenities or additional programs not listed that you or members of your household would use?

55 Response(s)

13. If a new facility was built in Navarre, how would you propose to financially support the construction?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Project specific MSBU or MSTU	34	15.3%
General property tax	9	4.0%
User fees	58	26.1%
Public- private partnership	16	7.2%
Combination of sources listed above	79	35.5%
Other	25	11.2%
No Responses	1	<1%
Total	222	100%
45 Comment(s)		

14. Would you support an additional tax to fund the construction of a new community center, if the amount and duration was defined/set?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Yes	84	37.8%
No	99	44.5%
Unsure	39	17.5%
No Responses	0	0.0%
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36 Comment(s)		

15. If a project specific tax was used to fund a new community center facility, how much a year for a set duration (Example: 2 years) would be acceptable for your household?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
None	97	43.6%
0-\$24	38	17.1%
\$25 - 49	34	15.3%
\$50 -74	26	11.7%
\$75 - 99	8	3.6%
\$100 - 149	19	8.5%
No Responses	0	0.0%
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16. If programs were offered at a new facility, how would you prefer to financially support the services annually?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Specific MSBU or MSTU	14	6.3%
General property tax	6	2.7%
User fees	108	48.6%
Public private partnership	9	4.0%
Combination	66	29.7%
Other	18	8.1%
No Responses	1	<1%
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17. The Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners currently does not own a suitable property in Navarre to build a new community center. Understanding that the beach and the area along U.S. Hwy. 98 would not be cost effective, where would you suggest a new facility be located?

130 Response(s)

18. What zip code do you live in?

222 Response(s)

19. Please select the age range(s) you and each of your family members fall within.

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Under 5 years old	18	8.1%
5 to 12 years old	42	18.9%
13 to 18 years old	38	17.1%
19 to 24 years old	30	13.5%
25 to 44 years old	68	30.6%
45 to 64 years old	122	54.9%
65 +	55	24.7%
Total	222	100%

20. Do you own or rent your home?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
Own	199	89.6%
Rent	21	9.4%
No Responses	2	<1%
Total	222	100%

21. Which best describes your annual household income?

	Number of Response(s)	Response Ratio
\$24,999 or less	3	1.3%
\$25,000 to \$49,999	32	14.4%
\$50,000 to \$74,999	50	22.5%
\$75,000 to \$99,999	48	21.6%
\$100,000 +	57	25.6%
No Responses	32	14.4%
Total	222	100%

22. If you would you like to be notified of the next public meeting regarding a possible community center in Navarre, please enter your email address.

Email Address	74
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1. Do you feel there is a need for a new community center in Navarre? - Comments
<p>Answer</p> <p>We do NOT need to tax and spend any additional monies for a building that is not urgently needed for our community. The NABOR office, Chamber building, Convention Center, AYSO,Senior Center and various churches will more than adequately fill the needs of our community for many years to come.</p> <p>I didn't even know there was one in Navarre. What was it used for other than renting to Realtors?</p> <p>They could offer adult education classes such as health and well being, arts and crafts, cooking, etc.</p> <p>The one on High School Rd., is fine. Scheduling can ease meeting conflicts and parking problems. If additional parking is still required, it's cheaper to expand the lot than build a new facility</p> <p>Need larger place for meetings, parties, etc.</p> <p>Our community really needs a location to hold important local rally's. It should be big enough to have a stage and proper amplification so the entire audience should be able to hear whom is speaking.</p> <p>Depends on what the community feels that the community center will/should provide. I really thought that was the purpose of the facility now used by NYSA on High School Road. Not sure how that facility got built and then turned over to NYSA.</p> <p>Yes we need this very much so.</p> <p>Unless there is more use or functions than the current community center saw from the Counbty it is not justified</p> <p>I think there is a need for a Community/Recreation Center - not just another meeting space.</p> <p>A community center is vital to our area. Not only would it help keep kids out of trouble but it would also provide activities for the older generations and tourists. Things such as meeting rooms, a movie screen for family movie nights, track, tennis courts, skate park, organized activiteis maybe even a public pool would appeal to our area.</p> <p>There are plenty of meeting spaces available for use of events in Navarre. The Club at Hidden Creek has a great space!</p> <p>More pressing issues: 1) Lack of commercial development (due to fragmented water utilities); 2) Lack of adequate stormwater management and retrofit facilities necessary preserve neighborhoods and keep the Sound clean - keep our military families local and economic assets like the sound viable; 3) Lack of multi-modal planning - no link to the beach for bikes/ped; 4) Lack of a good vision or place making plan for the Navarre area that can link economic development to sound urban design.</p> <p>Would need more information on what it would be used for</p> <p>It would bring a sense of community</p> <p>the area with popular folk/punk/rock bands from all over the country. We have been having shows in Navarre Park since early 2010, and have recently opened up an all-ages, alcohol-free space in Fort Walton Beach. We have had great success with bringing youth out - to give them a safe zone to enjoy themselves.□</p> <p>haywiredisasterchoir.webs.com</p> <p>We have several local places (the Elks Lodge on 2002 Elks Way, Navarre FL 32566)that can handle any event the community center would handle.</p> <p>As beautiful as it is here, it would be nice to have an indoor place to meet in groups.</p> <p>The government does not need to take care of everyone.</p> <p>No</p> <p>What is the requirement for such a center? □</p> <p>What services would it provide?□</p> <p>What would be the cost of the facility, staff etc?</p> <p>At this time< I believe the need to tackle the hazardous and environmentally damaging storm water runoff issue should take priority. My home(built in Sept 2012) and two other residences were recently flooded due to lack of inadequate drainage in our area, an issue that has persisted and is continuing to get worse with each new lot that is developed in the Navarre second addition area.</p> <p>We have the YMCA and we have a beautiful park. We also have a Seniors Center and a library. It is my understanding that the old Community Center was never really used. Why would we want to spend money building another when the old one was not used. I truly believe that if we are going to use money to do something for our town, we need to think about how to bring in new stable businesses to help generate money for our economy. A new community center will not help our local economy.</p> <p>It seems to be used by the Navarre board of realtors to hold meetings. From information gathered online, it operates at a deficit (expends more than takes in). Unless the center can pay for itself (both construction and operating costs) I see little need for this.</p> <p>The existing site is more of a gym with an office then a community center</p> <p>5%-10% of tax payers would use it and 100% of tax payers would far it.□</p> <p>County commissioners, please quit trying to find new ways to spend our money and raise our taxes. We pay enough already</p> <p>My nonprofit called the Haywire Disaster Choir does a lot of independent community organizing and hosts various free, all-age musical events in Navarre. These events attract mostly college students and highschoolers, and this venue is a safe walk from NHS. This would be a wonderful location for community and after-school events to be held nearby, so as to better accommodate this age-group and occupy their time with arts-centered activities such as our music events.</p> <p>We do believe that a community center is vital for the ever growing population of Navarre, Fl. Lets take this opportunity to plan ahead with the concept of a modern theme that will appeal to a large portion of the population.</p> <p>I feel there should be a community center that extremely usable for anything, ESPECIALLY a place where local band concerts can be held.</p> <p>Community Centers are typically non-profit. Even after acquiring funding to build them, rental income is insufficient to keep them operational on a break-even basis. DO YOUR HOMEWORK!!!!</p> <p>I have been a youth resident of Navarre for almost 20 years and would be very pleased to have a community center. The YMCA is too limited/expensive for my taste, since I pay for many of my expenses out of pocket. We need a safe indoor space for those days when it's just too hot to go to the beach. As a member of the Haywire Disaster Choir (a local group of young adults who promote art and music) this new space would be perfect in broadening our horizons. http://haywiredisasterchoir.webs.com/</p> <p>Possibly use the exisiting county asset/space (conference room) at the new TDC building. It was built with seperate entry to that room for that very reason. Have Chamber run it in exchange for "rent" space for them. Win-win.</p> <p>If all the different community organizations in Navarre held their meetings there; who would have keys, clean up and making sure utilities are turned off. □</p> <p>This building may need a staff to be available from morning until night?</p> <p>We have the senior citizen center and the Chamber of Commerce room and Hidden Creek is available. □</p> <p>What type of activities would be held there?</p> <p>Navarre needs an anchor location where the community can gather for important meetings, social events, educational events, and possibly entertaining events. A community center will foster a stronger bond between citizens as well as local government officials.</p> <p>I own 2 condos on the beach, so this really doesn't apply to me.</p> <p>should be much more then a meeting space</p> <p>The current one is old and too small.</p> <p>The current community center was built in 1986 when the 32566 area had a population of less than 5000, pop is now closer to 40K. Must also have the capability to hold public/gov't meetings and have two-way audio/video link to county meetings. The location needs to be away from HWY 98 but near center of Navarre, possibly Hwy 87. Must also be capable to act a post disaster shelter or county staging area with "generator ready" utilities and include showers.</p> <p>WE NEED MORE BUSINESS</p> <p>large enough to host co comm meetings</p> <p>The question should be-Do you feel a community center should be the NEXT capital expenditure/infrastructure addition to south Santa rosa county?</p> <p>There is already a YMCA, the Sports complex and County Park and a Senior Center. To my knowldge the old Community Center was not used much.</p> <p>I dont knowwhere it is anymore since nabor moved into there building.</p> <p>A larger community center</p> <p>Rather have a Hardees</p> <p>If it were open to the public at a good rate to use for events, then yes it is a good idea. You would have to have a plan- what events are you going to have?</p> <p>Classes? Community garden?</p> <p>I feel the families, especially the children of Navarre, are in need of a community center. The Navarre YMCA seems to be the only choice we have. Having had such a rainy summer, we had no choice but to drive to Gulf Breeze, FWB or Destin to go to the movies, mall, or go bowling. We need more options here.</p> <p>You are getting ready to try to increase my taxes to pay for fire department service in the south part of the county. Which is more important....fire department or community center. I say fire department and DON'T RAISE MY TAXES!</p>

Need something with a conference room that seats 50-60 people with plenty of available parking. This can be used by local residents who have home based businesses or who home school their children. There is no good meeting place in Navarre that doesn't charge a huge fee. Citizens who provide children services (tutoring, playgroups, etc) or pay business taxes deserve a place to meet that is safe and secure with appropriate parkinga. What local hotels offer is not appropriate.

The old one was rarely used.
I here is already a community center in Navarre□
that is RARELY utilized. A waste of tax-payer money! □
□

County commissioners need to quit wasting money□
no it is not needed as there are already too many public beach accesses that drain public moneys and do not generate revenues (no user fees)that are used by others from out of town for free.Schools are available and would be a better choice as they are county owned.
There may be a need however, what is wrong with the Bingo Parlor that is vacant on HYW 87. It has ample parking and would be adequate for what Navarre Needs
I don't see a valid use other than reting it out for other meetings.
36% of our population is under 18 or over 65.□
10% leave below poverty line.□
16% are veterans. □
11% with english as second language.□
The are many opportunities to serve the community.

A community center for meetings already exists behind Taco Bell. Buy it. Cheap. □
The estimated \$1.3 million cost is a gross lowball to hide real costs. Look how much the new Tiger Pt center has actually cost taxpayers!!
I think the money would be better spent on other much needed improvements on the many unpaved roads throughout the county, as well as completion of sidewalks on heavy traffic roads such as East Bay Boulevard.
I wasn't aware that we had one. If a historical review shows a low volume of useage, then I feel we do not need one.
Yes, we need a voice in what happens in Navarre and a place that has sufficient size and parking for all activities.
The community of Navarre needs a community center large enough to accomodate many events. Would like to see free events as well as charge to attend events.
Wonderful if it could be combined with the water area...this is what Navarre is...a water sports related community....it could have a much needed boat dock with water activities being added...there is the property to the left of Navarre Beach that could be used. You have the marine sanctuaries there....it would be used a 100 times over if was on the beach. The county owns land around Arkansas.....capitalize on the area's best feature.
Navarre is growing. We need a community center capable of supporting a larger community. It needs to happen now to support future residents.

2. How important is a Navarre Community Center to the overall quality of life of the area? - Comments

Answer

[No Responses]

3. Would a new Navarre Community Center make the area a more attractive place to live? - Comments

Answer

It will not be a drawing point for our resort community.
If this community center would house a gym, basketball court and things for our young people to do then Yes, there is nothing for teens to do around here. No bowling alley, go cart, movie theatre, game room, etc... We have a YMCA people can't afford to go to, conference hall (hotel) and public schools we can use if we need a large venue for a public / town hall meeting.
I don't think it would stop someone from moving here.
Again, depends on what we're going to do with it.
WE need a lot more thing in Navarre.
If there were free recreational activities that children/adults could have access to. Like tennis courts and indoor basketball courts.
If this community center could be tied into some sort of place making effort that would link music, arts, festivals etc. to the tourism base and urban design. Urban design does not mean telling people what color to paint their buildings, it means thinking about land uses, incentivizing commercial, creating special places and public spaces, developing amenities, developing alternatives to 98 before it gets like Destin, thinking about pedestrian scale, and economic development.
It all depends on the intended use and location
A resource for locals to express themselves and hold special events would do wonders for the community - especially if the space itself was recognized by the town as being a receptive, positive place.
If we have one, or not, this is a very attractive place to live.
Private industry provides such opportunity. Quit making it impossible for new businesses to come to Navarre.
no
I've never heard someone say they bought a house in town X, Y or Z because of a "community center".
Tourists don't come to Navarre for the community center. As for locals, I don't see why we need to pay higher taxes for building and operating this. Bottom line, if you can't run it at a profit, don't build it.
The bed tax from Navarre Beach should be used for Navarre improvements to increase the quality of life for the residents that live there.
One of the principal complaints I hear from locals is the lack of activity spaces. I have heard this comment from people of all ages.
A well thought out plan will ensure participation from Navarre residents.
If we had a community center where it supported local bands playing, it would attract a HUGE crowd. I'm in a band that plays in Navarre a lot and the people there are fully engaged about attending these local shows. We get at least 50 to 80 people wanting to watch our local shows and if the community center let bands play there for free, they could make a profit to keep it going and everyone would want to go there.
In order to be more attractive, we must address traffic congestion, real estate taxes, schools, beach restoration.
Navarre is already surrounded by beautiful natural scenery, but there are not enough places to spend a summer afternoon without getting sunburned. We have a fantastic school system, so why not glorify our town more by including a great atmosphere for AFTER school? I am seeking a place where I can exercise, enjoy a good book club, or listen to a local band. Swimming and outdoor activities are also a good way to draw people into this idea, creating variety for everyone.
Again-having it in the park (heart of Navarre) would be even better. people would see that as a central family and meeting location more than just a toursit location. Both can be served there.
Possible to be a learning facility for children needing to improve their reading, math, and teach/improve their English with help from volunteers. The Center could be a GREAT potential with active coordination. Could also be a great introduction to the arts, with volunteers.
The more useful amenities that a community can offer potential residents is very important. Navarre lacks public gathering places especially in the form of parks. Having a community center that included outdoor space for activities and possibly recreation would create a complex that would be well utilized in the community and appealing to new residents.
if developed correctly
Create more opportunities for small local events, shows, expos, etc. Should be a minimum of 10,000 sq ft. Size based on land and cost.
YES, THE BUSINESS OPTION WE HAVE THE MORE PEOPLE WILL USE.
Depends if there is money to maintain. If poorly managed and maintained it could be a detriment. If properly maintained and develops as a true place for community activities then could be an asset
I think our Chamber does a fantastic job of this.

I think it should be inline with the new building codes and not just something that looks like a warehouse (Like the old Bingo Hall on 87 does not look pleasing)
More chain restaurants would be the best thing for the area. Not more RV parks.
Less attractive, because we will show how the county can waste money on unused buildings and centers. The usage will not be large enough to justify the expense, especially in these times.
There is no "community" in Navarre. The YMCA, HBTS, churches, etc. caters only to it's members. Meeting spaces at local hotels are not always appropriate. The Senior Center is only for Seniors. Middle-class families do not have a place to meet, take enrichment classes, or enjoy bingo, chess matches, running clubs, keeping fit, etc except at local bars! We need this badly in Navarre!
Things that would make Navarre an attractive place to live would be plannng. How about a master plan so our town doesn't look so shabby and poor to those that drive 98. How about a plan for traffic at Navarre Beach, cleaning up and improving Navarre Park, or add something cool on the beach that isnt a bar.
Navarre is already "Florida's Best Kept Secret".□
□
Why "ugly-up" that honor by building a stupid,□
costly building that is NOT NEEDED?
Tourism, military and beaches are our draw
But what would make the area more attractive is to get Channel 3 to stop referring to Navarre as the "Boondocks of Navarre"

This area is transient in nature. The center could encourage relocation to the area and promote a welcoming, inclusive feeling to new neighbors. This questionnaire is packed with questions for a Recreation Center, not a Community Center. There's a huge difference. Look at the Gulf Breeze Recreation Center then look at the new Tiger Point Community Center. See the difference? Unless it can be shown conclusively that a new community center would be of significant benefit to a majority of Navarre residents, then tax dollars should not be spent to build one. We have other facilities that are owned where meetings could (if needed) take place. We should be looking for ways to save money! More attractive to live and to visit as a tourist Navarre is a small town turning into a small city. Anything we can do to support the community will make it more attractive.

4. Would you and/or your family use a new community center if it were constructed? - Comments

Answer
If it had a pool that was suitable for young children.
We have access to many other options that we would use.
We live in HBTS and have a recreational facility with a gym, tennis courts and three pools that we don't use very often however, we know of people with kids who need afternoon, weekend activity
Only if it had something for adults to use, since we have no kids. I would like tennis courts. I would also not pay an outrageous fee for one person to use just courts
It would depend on what is available.
We currently use the HBTS Rec Center
Depends on programs offered that were advertised.
Yes, if offerings were something of interest to me.
If it had indoor athletic equipment (weights, basketball court, etc.) that served as a FREE alternative to the YMCA, then I would be interested.
Again if it had a schedule of activities applicable I might would use it but based on what has been the case previously I doubt it.
Absolutely! I would host events there as well.
depends on what services and or facilities.
Yes! I know myself, and all others involved in the Haywire Disaster Choir would jump at the chance to assist in whatever we could, and attend anything we can.
It depends on what the facility is built to provide.
Depends on location. If it's way down Highway 87 or out by Holley By the Sea, probably not.
no
It would depend on the amenities. If it is for meetings only, probably not.
Depends on events.
I really doubt it.
Lived in Navarre for ten years, never used it.
I would use them much more if there were more adult events, courses, sports, etc...
Our nonprofit would definitely be interested in hosting events there.
Yes, you can count on us.
I would definitely use the community center. It would be even better if it allowed bands to play there. Perhaps, rent the space for rehearsal or shows.
We have a library, YMCA, former community center now operated by BOR, hotel conference centers, etc. Another community center would be useless duplication.
We already have access to a rec center through our neighborhood, although if you include NYSA, we do participate in sports there.
Yes, I would most certainly use a new community center. As a college student, it would be wonderful to have adequate study space, considering the commute to UWF can be costly. I would like this space to be all inclusive for the community, because when times are tough like today, we all really need to strive together to generate positivism.
Depends on programs/activities.
Not likely as we normally are in the area for a particular purpose. It would tend to depend upon what kinds of activities/programs/events are available at the center.
Our children are grown but the Navarre area desperately needs more activities for its younger citizens.
Question is too open ended. Depends on services offered, cost, size, availability, etc. another question that could be used to skew survey to show greater need than actually exists
Depends on the programs offered.
We only use the YMCA for working out. AND we have to pay for that! What use are these "FREE" community centers?
I would even be willing to volunteer my time there.
Unless it was on the beach.
Schools, churches and existing already fill needs
We didn't us the old center in the last 17 years we have lived here.
We have raised all of our children here with only one teenager remaining at home. It would have been nice if there had been a center that could have exposed them to additional educational and social activities. Back in the day before YMCA, we lived at NYSA with four of our children.
This is a stupid question. Use it for what????
for what? Several places already available for rent for events -- St. Sylvesters, Holly by the Sea, QQuality Inn
Our children are grown up and out of our house.
Depends on what is available
I can see a community center that hosts lots of different events with appeal to a borad age range

6. Would you or your family participate more if additional facilities and/or programs were offered for your/your family's age group(s)? - Comments

Answer
We probably would if we knew about them.
Pretty hard to find anything for individuals 80 plus
yes, please see answer to #1
Retired couple- family lives out of state
There are thousands of underage kids in this area (and overage!) that have very little to 'do' without leaving town. We've found that providing youth with real, unique art, and the ability to perform it themselves has brought out so much in local kids and their families.
If those facilities or programs were reasonable in price and things my family is interested in.
no
It would depend on the activity.
A baseball/softball complex that could host regional tournaments would raise money for the county. The existing park could be made into a football/soccer only
Yes, Yes and Yes!!
I would totally participate.
Sports programs for children, and FREE fitness (yoga, pilates, kickboxing) for adults. It would be great to get an art association for Navarre, and access to some arts classes for children and adults.
Yes, the more variety for age groups, the better! As a young adult, I would be very interested in participating in book clubs based on age, or even not based on age. We can all learn from each other. Having mentors teach certain positive classes would be wonderful for the younger children of Navarre. Very similar to the story time I went to in the old community center this survey is concerning. It definitely made a difference in my childhood.
Our Family had a YMCA membership for several years after they opened, but due to their poor management, inadequate facilities and programs we chose not to renew our membership. NYSA programs are only for children and mine are now grown.
Depends upon the nature of the events.
We currently attend every concert in the park on Thursday evenings and long for more public activities in Navarre. We drive to Pensacola and Fort Walton/Destin to attend more festivals, parks etc.
If improved facilities were on the beach. It is the single best place for the community, families and visitors. Why not invest in current programs and facilities.
Navarre Park is one of the most used facilities in Navarre and is in horrible disrepair. What a shame people who come to visit have to see that and then see a sign not to go in the sound because the water has bacteria in it. Really, a community center is secondary to fixing what we have and love!
Of course, but this question could be used to skew the survey to look as though there is greater interest.
See comments to question #9. YMCA does not have any land for tennis courts. And generally that facility gets used extensively by members. Adding tennis courts to the YMCA would max out its capability
My child is grown now, so I don't think this helps my family. But I know Navarre is a very military family influenced area.
It seems like there is only programs for kids and seniors.
The pool at YMCA is never open at a time that we can use it. They say they have to have lifeguards. When it is, it is only for swim classes and we prefer NOT to swim all the kids in the pool! The fees to join are very unreasonable compared to other lcoal fitness facilities (Portofino).

NYSA, YMCA and HBTS Homeowners offer a great variety of programs for families. What about using someplace on beach and offering surf lessons or snorkeling.
It is likely that any new offering will exist after our last child has moved on to college.
Another stupid question.
This is an anonymous survey with ridiculous questions poorly announced and easily skewed by a few avid supporters. It's worthless. Want a taxpayer community center? Put it on a ballot.
I would have to see which types of programs were being offered.
Like what?
We have Navarre Beach and if we wanted to join a community center, we would join Holley By The Sea.
Yes, children, working adults, seniors, clubs and community business fairs

7. If constructed, what do you think the primary purpose of a new community center should be? Please rank the following 1-4, with 1 being the most Answer

I think it would provide an opportunity for Mr. Melvin have a building named after himself.

I'm forced to give a ranking to things that I do not approve. This is not right !
there are enough places in the area for meeting spaces, clubs and non profits
that is stupid.. they are all equally important
Why pay for something only a FEW people would use??
Rental space would help offset the cost.
By including an indoor pool, the opportunities would increase, especially for residents in the winter time and tourists in bad weather.
These are all great perks to having a community center. I would have rated them all 4 if the option allowed me too.
The children of Navarre need more activities!
The Navarre Conference Center, the HBTS Rec Center already serve the purpose of meeting space.
If the space provided is large enough for area clubs, etc, it will also allow for community gathering, and more social opportunities for youth. We have many recreational opportunities in Navarre, though we're lacking a bowling alley and a theater. Both should be provided by the private sector.
THIS QUESTION IS SET UP POORLY. IF I DO NOT AGREE WITH A COMMUNITY CENTER BEING BUILT WITH TAX PAYER MONEY, THE DEFAULT SHOULD NOT REQUIRE YOU RANK IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE. PROVIDE AN OPTION FOR DISAGREEING WITH THE QUESTION.
no
First of all, there are other places for clubs/nonprofits to use. The YMCA is is over \$70 a month...can't justify that expenditure while still paying to do the sport activities they offer.
I have no need for such a facility.
do not build it
There just isn't enough community involvement for youth in Navarre. The highschool does a great job of providing after-school activity, but outside of school, there is little to nothing for youth to do.
It is my belief that Navarre is itching for a gathering place with regards to Weddings, Ceremonies, parties, etc. These parties generate revenue...why lose potential revenue to Destin or Pensacola?
I promise if this community center was used to create a space for local bands to play at, everyone would want to go there. Even better if it offered other programs.
1. We have rental space available already. People want FREE space. Can the county afford this??
2. The community can gather at the welcome center, Navarre Park, or any one of our for-profit rental facilities.
3. We have ENOUGH! recreational opportunities. Do you realize how much Americans spend to be entertained, e.g., movies, sporting events, theatre, books, video games, etc. ENOUGH ALREADY!
4. Schools and churches should provide socials for youth. Or what about backyards and private homes
Honestly, all four of these topics are the most important to me. Meeting spaces would be perfect for study groups for high school/college. Entertainment would be wonderful for local talent showcases/local bands playing. Recreational opportunities are key to keeping everyone in Navarre healthy and happy. Youth struggle everyday with socializing, and there really isn't much time in the school day for socializing, maybe having open mic nights would help with these anxieties.
Unfortunately this should have been considered 30 years ago. So far we have several inadequate logistically disjointed facilities instead of one organized sufficient facility for the community.
I honestly would say that all of the reasons above are equally important mainly because of the lack of options available for all of those activities right now.
We need more activities for the teenagers especially on cold months. Perhaps, an indoor skate park, indoor basketball court.
Should not try to replace the Seniors Center, YMCA, NYSA, but create expanded choices for activities and events.
It wont do any of the above! It will just sit empty like the last one did until NABOR took it over. Lets improve on the great things we already have. It will cost less and be a whole lot more visible.
It would only serve as a place for the power hungry people of this community to fight over who gets to run it.
It appears that by requiring these rankings for question #7 that you are attempting to keep people who disagree with using tax money to build a community center from participating in the survey. I am only placing rankings on these items in question #7 in order that my survey be included in the overall results. I would rank each of the four items as 0.
Do not build this! The only purpose is to bribe voters for votes. Leave my money in the roads, fire department and law enforcement/county buildings. Spend NONE on entertainment/meeting centers which ALWAYS lose money....just go see the Okaloosa conference center on the island. What a sinkhole!
We need a movie theatre and a bowling alley in Navarre so local youth don't have to drive to Pensacola or FWB for recreation. And neither would parents!
These businesses would also bring jobs to Santa Rosa County and give tourists something to do too when it rains. Ther eis nothing constructive for local residents to do in Navarre.
I don't think any apply. Don't think it is necessary. Put the money in things residents use and want that really will improve quality of life like Navarre Park, the Science Station or community snorkeling classes. We live near the water, why isn't anything being planned there? Trial k question that forces answer without NO option.
Moot question, ~~~ a new center should NOT be built.
none of these except maybe a youth center. there are more than enough area placesto gather in the area
Leave these things to the professional already in the area.
Other than sports and the beach, there a few options for our young people to socialize and entertain themselves. This leaves them to their own devises to get creative or not. A community center that offers a diversity of programs can help the youth explore areas of interest.
These are questions for a Recreation Center not a community center. Gulf Breeze has a Rec Center.
What about just a community center for meetings, shelter, info, disaster supplies, etc. ??
There are plenty of facilities already in the area to provide all of the listed services and opportunities.
See question 3.
A community center would also assist in tourist development and become a place for snow-bird activities. It is difficult to rank the above questions as I see all of them as most important to our community
This is a marine....water....fishing...area....there should be boat dockage for water craft.....there is a lot on the Bay Road that has never been reopened and not maintained by the county....
Girl/Boy Scouts, Saltwater Chicks, Military Christmas parties, car shows, pumpkin patches, ...etc.

9. How important would the following amenities in a new community center be for you and your family? - Comments Answer

These are not things that would allow the costs to outweigh the benefits.
make something everyone can use not just kids
I think the track would get used a lot. Skateboarding appeals to a very small group, tennis courts are nice but seldom used in other places I have lived and worked. In addition the fence screening usually fails in wind storms.
Although it would be a community center, the high school has a running track, and a community center would be more for the family,. there is already a YMCA, NYSA and sport fields. Let us not attempt to make this a "youth" facility. It would be a community center for gatherings, plays, etc.
I think the Community/Recreation Center could also be utilized by our summer visitors and snowbirds.
All great ideas! Not sure how much a computer room is needed as you can access the computer from Navarre Library and the exercise equipment from the YMCA.
I suggest group exercise classes. Yoga, step, etc.
If money is spent on this, tie to some sort of plan that would create a unique destination or place that people want to go. Link it to tourism the beach, and other community assets.
if you put exercise equipment you will be taking away from the YMCA. I don't want to lose the YMCA.

With the YMCA and HBTS amenities as well as a few smaller gyms, Navarre has ample exercise spaces. Sidewalks have been provided that are great for running use. I'd love to see a community center large enough to house the community it serves, with smaller areas/rooms for activities with fewer people. Any time you have get togethers, food is involved, and a kitchen is an absolute must!

All of these things can be accomplished privately.

Is this a community center or another Y? Who is really pushing for this facility...hopfully not the same folks for incorporation. From this list, it is another YMCA.

BTW: Skateboard Park will bring you nothing but fights among the youth and an insurance nightmare.

We do not have children, so obviously adult opportunities are more important to us.

It would mean the world to all the youth in the community that exists in Navarre to offer an opportunity for all the local talent to perform there. Even if the Community Center was used for different things, I'd be okay with that as long as we have music!

An indoor gym for fitness classes, and large classrooms for art classes and continuing education would be great. A natural playground (see: <http://playchastain.ning.com/> and <http://naturalplaygrounds.com/> for examples) would make our area special and bring in families to surrounding areas. It would be nice to create a central place in our community providing structure for play, shopping and gathering, as in the nearby community of Alys Beach, Village of Baytowne Wharf, or Seaside.

Considering Navarre lacks many SAFE places to jog, a running track would be ideal for this community center. Having an affordable exercise space is very essential to the growing youth, especially me. It helps decrease stress, anxiety, and creates a happy environment. Computer rooms would be great for those unable to afford their own, because public school are nearly 85% on having computer access to pass the course. Gallery space would be a fantastic way for locals to share their talents!

Grant application would be a wonderful opportunity to build and maintain facilities.

The Navarre Soccer Fields (NYSA) need to have good bleachers for viewing with sun-shade. It is brutally hot to sit and watch. There are clearly not enough seating venues either. Additionally, the current "cheap" bleachers are really unacceptable to such an otherwise beautiful facility where so many families spend much of their time. This needs to be remedied over a community center that will not see as much use!

Would hate to have ammenities that would "compete" with local business or non-profits too much (Gym equipmet).

and a public pool - very important

As the Sales & Marketing Manager at a convention center I can honestly say that being strategic with the building plans to allow as many activities as possible would allow our community to optimize the space both indoor and outdoor so it's best to put all the options on the table from the start and remove if a consensus and budget isn't reached.

take advantage of outdoor space in a park setting

For the past 6 years I've worked with 10 community centers in Loudoun County VA, Our main focus was to provide the community with affordable preschool, childcare and recreational opportunities for adults/children of all ages as well as provide rental facilities for organizations in the community, One of our facilities had a skateboard park, but it proved to be a very large problem to monitor and provide a safe environment for young children to enjoy. Much of our revenue came from special events

I am more concern for the teenagers than anybody else.

Let's put some money into the Navarre Beach park and the park on the sound where all of Navarre residents and visitors already go. Please don't waste funds on another building that will just sit empty. Please put the money into the things our residents of Navarre already love.

should have WI FI

Tennis is the only sport not covered by the Public Parks and Rec in or anywhere near Navarre. The High School has a nice facility but can only be used by the tennis team and is not open to the general public. 10-20 miles either direction and there are clubs that cost subsantially more to be apart of. More recently when new courts are built they build a multi purpose court next to the tennis courts that can be utilized for ramp board skaters and in-line skater leagues.

The Navarre Library has several computers.

Living in HBTS gives me opportunities at our recreation center.

Bowling lanes would be great.

Most of these are what a home is for! The rest (sports and entertainment) are private industries that you should NEVER compete with because government is innately incapable of running anything that doesn't lose money.

FWB is in the process of raising funds for a "padded" outdoor track. There is no measured track except at theHigh School that people can use. All Military people must keep fit and run to pass their PT tests. The Path along Nav. Bch has been marked every quarter mile by a local non-profit volunteer group but it is shared with pedestrians and bikers. A measured track for runners would benefit the community in Navarre and military families who need to keep fit for their jobs.

Please don't waste money on a community center unless you are putting it on beach. Put money into existing programs and Parks and make them awesome! Politicians should get out of our private lives.

A public space is just that. Why not build a YMCA/YWCA and then have a total user fee.

Amenities are dependent upon purpose. I believe the library offers computer access and the comfort inn offers meeting space. The high school has a track that could be resurfaced and corked.

This is a ridiculous, loaded, question to gain support for a very expensive "community center". □

We have the NYSA, YMCA, TDC. Let local business do all the rest. keep county taxpayer money out of it.

I am a runner and would like to have the outdoor running track as well as indoor exercise equipment. I am curious why swimming pool was not mentioned? I think this would be a very attractive part of any rec center.

YMCA and Library already offer all these good things

I feel that very few Navarre residents would use a new community center. So if built, the per-capita cost would be astronomical and a waste of public funds.

We're senior citizens with no children at home.

See question 3

Navarre lacks entertinment for teens and a skateboard park with defined hours could be good

These are other services being offered by both the county and private companies.....the library has a community room that is not over used...and the pc's there can be improved....the staff is already in place

11. How important would the following programs or services in a new community center be for you and your family? - Comments

Answer

Doesn't the senior center cover the senior programs and the YMCA the teen and youth programs? If so, no need to compete and duplicate efforts. The community should add new things.

I think that the Senior Center does a good job with Senior Programs and the Y/NYSA do a good job with fitness, after school and youth sports programs. But, we have nothing for our youth that is practically free for them to do.

While Im not big on exercise equipment, it would be great to have a room for aerobic activity. I would be happy to host children's interpretative dance or adults if there was a desire.

School should be responsible for youth programs as the senior center for senior programs, This would be a redundant feature in Navarre.

involvement. Being a source of inspiration and help for the school would bring the community together. We've seen what can be done with the Thursday in the Park series.

Private industry is the best place for these activities to take place. Capitalism works!

I think the Senior Center does a good job of offering activities for seniors. Teen and youth programs could be expanded.

Seniors already have a place. Some of these are already covered by other facilities (the Y, Sr Center). Why have competing programs or "double coverage"?

If you're going to do this it has to be different than what is already offered. You also need to look at the local churchs that have programs...St Sylvesters, Navarre UMC for example.

A senior center exists already and could be used to augment theater/film and other like events

There are fitness facilities in the area already. Fine arts and community-building is what we mostly lack.

MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT, PLEASE!

Fitness classes, hobbies, arts, education, music, entertainment, teen, and youth programs are all included in my list of needs for Navarre. We already have many of these things, however, they are very costly and honestly not worth the price they are offering. I would enjoy a community center that literally accepts everyone, and where literally everyone can afford it. Having music and entertainment is very important to everyone's growth and development.

I think that all of the above activities are important. I wouldn't want the center to compete with small businesses such as dance studios, yoga studios, exercise facilities, etc. I prefer to lean toward adding new things that do not currently exist in our marketplace.

We already have a senior center for seniors.

HNSA has a 5000ft seniors center open 5-6 days per week.

These programs can all exist on property already owned by the county. Why are we wasting time and money thinking about a community center when we could be spending time fixing valuable assets we already have! We could spend the same amount of money or less and get a lot more!!!!

should not be free

I think aerobic and fitness has taken on a more business coverge than something for Parks and Rec to cover.

Already have a senior center.

This is a terrible and LEADING question! You have worded this as if building the center is a foregone conclusion. Don't build it and give me back my money. If we need one, we will get together as private citizens and build one.

The Senior Center is available for Senior activities. The YMCA is available for after school programs. People should pay for these services. A large dance studio would benefit aerobic classes, yoga and zumba classes for all ages day or evening. Wooden dance floors would be ideal. A space for birthday parties, private teen dances, or private parties with kitchen access for caterers would also benefit the community.

People already provide "all the above" for them-selves. ☐

☐

Politicians should lower taxes so we could ☐ provide even more for ourselves.

There are places for these already at a pay for usage. lets not tax everyone for a few to use them.Too socialized.

We have a senior center and we have NYSA for youth. There are local businesses for fitness and dance. Rankings reflect what I currently perceive as gaps.

All these are "Gee, wouldn't that be nice" stuff. ☐

Again, a loaded question to gain support.

Senior citizens, no kids.

See question 3

We already have an active senior center...the Y offers a senior program.....there are private aerobic and fitness classes in place...instead of being in competition give Navarre what it doesn't already have.

12. Are there any other community center amenities or additional programs not listed that you or members of your household would use? - Responses

Answer

none

Pool

I do not agree with the proposal.

TENNIS TENNIS TENNIS there are NOOOOO tennis courts in this area!!!!

NONE!

Racquetball court

We would use the track and fitness equipment the most. I wouldn't endorse free weights because of potential liabilities.

Indoor pool

An indoor play area for smaller kids. Separate areas for different age groups.

None at this time

It could be used for a "little theater", Adult dancing, There are just so many things it could be used for to help the married, family and elderly come together as a community.

I think those ideas sound great! I would like to see a movie screen so we could have community movie night.

I have two small children and I think there are plenty of activities around here for children. I also think there is plenty of meeting space. The YMCA area could be expanded if we want to increase childrens activities. We have a gym, there are churches with large community centers, there is the YMCA, Navarre Conference Center and the HBTS Center.

youth acivities.

None

I'm sure any additional activities I think would be useful are covered because the above descriptions are broad enough that everything is included.

Although indirectly mentioned, it could also be used for tutoring/mentoring of students after school. If there are after school programs offered, bus service would need to be considered.

I this the funds would be better used to purchase the land on the other side of the Navarre bridge and incorporate it with the Park on the other side...using a bridge under the causeway bridge. You could then also expand the childrens water park...which is heavily used and needs some updating/improvement.

INDOOR SHOOTING RANGE

An olympic size swimming pool to train in

no

Garden club oppurtunities (on the grounds, family farm lots☐

Local history displays☐

Local wild animal info programs

a pool

perhaps a daycare attached.

We would use a stage, and even if we don't have public equipment to use, we'd bring our own just to play there! All the local shows that were hosted by the community would really thrive off of this community center. It's all so important to us! The music scene is growing and this is a huge opportunity for musicians and artists to have a center!

A natural playground- we'd go everyday. A walking garden, photography classes, and access to a whirlpool/hot tub. It would to incorporate an wildlife preserve area with a boardwalk, a lake with a park, and a kids hands-on discovery area (either indoors or outdoors).

nature trails, more parks in general

none

Certainly! We should open up the community center for rent to be used for wedding receptions, retirement parties, small exhibits that might be available, events that would generate a revenue stream that could be used toward maintenance/improvements to the facility. Holiday Parties, religious retreats or celebrations, sports competitions, and more!

when we see the highest population of Navarre being children, we should invest in activities that keep them active, safe and family friendly.

The community center should be the hub for our Parks and Recreation Department. All programs should be professionally managed. Navarre needs better programs for middle school aged children because there are no Middle School sports in Navarre.

POOL,BIKE AREA, BOWLING,

Members of my family use the beach, the park, outdoor space and NYSA facilities. The NYSA facilities are adequate...put money into an indoor soccer arena in the building adjacent to NYSA that is FOR SALE. Why not renovate Navarre Park and make it beautiful Why not improve the Navarre beach area or spend money to fix the bacteria in sound.

no

public pool

A concert/amphitheater

Maybe something for spouses of PTSD or service members, AA groups, a place for like minded people to meet with similar hobbies.

Pool

None and we aggressively advocate AGAINST this community center

We need a space for adults for a local running or fitness club in Navarre where we could hold monthly meetings at a reasonable cost. There needs to be a marquis or electronic signage in front of the buildiing to announce the various activities at no cost to the users.

No

water fun... sprinklers, play area, water slide... It would be nice to be able to bbq when we have meetings.

Programs on the beach so my family could learn about the Beach and cool activities like Yolo Boarding or surfing.

NOT A ONE (1)

no

Sports program for children 7-12

Consider options for community gardening, oratorical skill development, supplementing music/art offerings , STEM programs, and a gathering place like a college campus student center lounge where teens can gather and play video games, watch movies, interact.

Sure. An Equestrian Center, Polo Fields, Fair Grounds, Concert Hall, Fine Arts Museum, Marina with bait/fuel, Convention Center with casino gambling, sports stadium, ice/hockey rink, etc.☐

I figure since you're asking ridiculous questions to justify a "Community Center", I'd help you with more excuses.

Again, I am curious why swimming pool (indoor/outdoor) was not mentioned? I think this would be a very attractive part of any rec center.

NO

No

Fitness classes & equipment

N/A

Meeting space for club activities

Look to the successful community center that is run by a church on 98.....near soundside.

13. If a new facility was built in Navarre, how would you propose to financially support the construction? - Other responses

Answer

Sales Tax
Not at all
NO Taxes!!!
Bed Tax
TDC
1 cent penny tax
bonds
Private
Those who want this.
bonds
Do not raise any taxes
I don't know
Sales tax
facility not required
gasoline tax
NO!!!!
none
Combination of user fees and private partnership
DO NOT TAX AND DO NOT BUILD
Do not build one.
a grant or donations
Abort the whole idea!
All SRC districts recreation funds
General Fund
Grants

13. If a new facility was built in Navarre, how would you propose to financially support the construction? - Comments

Answer

I would NOT
I don't think its a good idea at this time for residents to finance a project like this, we are probably (and should be) financing a new courthouse
Why not ask local businesses and clubs to donate money or goods or even a building? Have the chamber of commerce use fund raisers instead of increasing taxes. Possible fund raisers would be a wine or beer pairing dinner, the Taste of Navarre, a chocolate tasting, one day music festival with local artists donating their time and local restaurants donating the proceeds from food and drinks sold and \$15-\$25 ticket per person. State the fund raisers are for a community center so people know.
User fees if a tax was put on the ballot you will know for sure if residents want it or not.
You have to remember, you are talking about a increase in tax's for a judicial facility. The utility tax that we pay now and the district gets a percentage of could have a dedicated amount pay for the facility. AND outside of civic organizations, who in themselves assist the community, a user fee would be an necessary requirement. How are the other like facilities paid for in the county. It should not be any more or less than what those facilities cost.
Since the majority of the bed tax doesn't stay to befit Navarre, funding from local bed tax should be used
Defiantly NOT property tax. Navarre has ha hard enough time getting a business to open with all the impact fees. Offer oppertunities for restaurants and such then worry about a new community center. ☐
Anyone considered updating te current center???
Is it not possible for any tourist money to be used to help fund the center? There will be activities there that will be available to visitors - like tennis courts and basketball courts and reunion space. I think that with the size of Navarre and the amount of money that is generated in this area - we should definitely have the most state of the art center in our County.
In Pinellas County, FL- they have something called "Paid for by the Penny" which they used to fund their recreational center. Perhaps, we could look into something like that. Parents always say that there is nothing for the children to do- here is a great way we can make it happen but open it to adults and seniors as well.
Funding the project shouldn't fall just on property owners. There are people in the community that would use and benefit from the community center that do not own property here, like military families that rent. Additionally, Navarre brings in a lot of tourist tax dollars that could be used to fund a project in the south end of the county.
Santa Rosa needs to move away from funding everything for with property taxes. The north and south end of the County are very different. South End residents are more willing to pay for services that benefit them.
would the tax be county wide? since the entire county board sold the present community center.
If the county can fund a horse arena using tax payer dollars, they can fund a community center in Navarre.
With the understanding that we need to have the funds to pay for the building and property prior to construction, an MSTU to begin would be ideal followed by user fees once the building is in place. However, with the money our area has received from BP, shouldn't this be covered under that umbrella?
If it is something that would be used then private businesses would supply it. The government is not here to take care of everybody!
no
I think it's important for residents to help financially support the endeavor, however other funding could be considered such as grants or sponsorships.
Since the south end of the county pays the majority of the taxes in this county it's only fair that we start getting our fair share around here for a change instead of funding underutilized pet projects in Milton.
No new taxes! Not out of my pocket!
MSBU= EVERYONE PAYS THE SAME TAX AMOUNT ☐
AND ☐
USER FEES SO THE PEOPLE THAT DON'T USE IT WON'T PAY EXTRA.
Let the people who want the facility buy bonds to support the construction.
I do not support such a facility so I do not support any source of funding.
I would support enacting an MSTU and a Public-private partnership. I believe both are achievable.
Also solicit private donations, and possibly partner with one of the area wildlife organizations, offering them a home in the new center in exchange for providing partial funding and/or fund-raising. It would also give them and the community more opportunities for education experiences with the wildlife.
This system of payment seemed to work very well for the Navarre Library. But I am open for other means of payment, as long as it is affordable and reasonable.
Absolutely NOT property tax!!!
Use a two or three cent gas tax to support the construction. ☐
☐
Also, the construction could be done with prison help and get supplies from loews or other local stores and see if some supplies would be volunteered. ☐
☐
New construction is way over priced. Could also ask the military if they would like their people to develop their skills helping the community with some of the construction. ☐
☐
One million dollars is too high. Pay people on welfare minimum wage to help. ☐
☐
Think out of the box.
Would expect project specific MSBU or MSTU for acquisition, construction, and start up with user fees to sustain.
I support a project specific tax that ends when the project ends. In terms of maintaining the building I would think that we'd still need a tax stream that is supported by user fees and revenue generating events.
Not everything can be FREE! Somebody is paying!
No MSBU for sure! MSTU should be reserved for something meaningful like park improvements or making the beach wider. Why is this even an issue. Do you not live in Navarre?
Actually, per Budget Dept, only \$511k remaining in Dist 4. Please do not do something as shortsighted as to spend all remaining District 4 rec funds on this project. use this survey process as a first step toward a master plan to develop Navarre. If you spend all dist 4 rec funds, you will leave Navarre with no capital for future projects. A community center is needed but is it the first capital expenditure needed?
Don't look to me for funding....
I think it would be nice to look into MSBU, MSTU, general tax, or user fees. Getting sponsors is not a good idea- then we lose independence.
I like the MSTU, but should be augmented with user fees.
No increase in property tax to fund a new community center

So in the longest economic downturn since the Great Depression, you are advocating a tax increase. Do you guys ever step back and listen to the craziness of that idea? You are NOT creating jobs and you are not doing communities a service. You are taking funds out of private individuals hands and using them to buy votes! Don't hide behind altruism. This proposal is not altruistic, because I will bet you will come to my house and evict me if I refuse to pay this tax you intend to impose.

Users of the facility should not be assessed a fee to rent the rooms or provide a class/service there if a MSBU or MSTU provides financial support. They should have to provide a deposit fee that is returned when they clean up after themselves. A Facility Manager should be on-site to oversee the facility and provide assistance to users, coordinate facility repairs and services, etc.

No on community center or going in debt or adding new taxes for a project that is not going to be used. If it is part of a beach program then yes for MSTU. Why not incorporate Navarre so we can make our own decisions about planning, entertainment and money.

MOOT question. It should NOT be built!!!

user fees only!

We don't need it. Government expansion may be the model for the Federal Government, but Navarre doesn't need to get in that debt ridden bag. Given the resources of the population i would be for an MSTU and for user fees at some level. If children receive free lunch, then free at community center also. exploring state/federal funding programs should be explored.

The new Tiger Point Community Center is costing over \$300 a sq ft!!! That's outrageous. And that doesn't include land cost. Or the architect fees which were +\$150K. It Reeks. Add mx, operating costs, employees,etc. Who's profitting here?

The cost of land, construction, outfitting, maintenance costs and wages will wind up costing taxpayers a lot of money.

14. Would you support an additional tax to fund the construction of a new community center, if the amount and duration was defined/set? - Answer

I do not support this.

Too broad of a question to answer. If the center provided services to most all of the population, I would not oppose an additional tax. If the center provided services to a narrow segment of the population, I would oppose the tax.

Again, read my previous statement

NO!

As long as the amount/duration was defined. I would prefer a penny tax.

Not property tax.

But Only If NYSA/NUFC has NO control of The FacilitY. Their Management Is Toxic To Successful Programs.

We are taxed enough

Plenty of tax base in Navarre already to fund it.

Absolutely not!! Stop spending. Our politicians have a spending problem in this country.

no

On the condition the money was earmarked for the construction of the community center and used for that purpose.

Similar to library.

It would depend on how much and for how long. Keep in mind the state of the current economy and household incomes. Not everyone is a position to be "taxed". Taking care of families takes priority over a community center.

I may loose my job next month and this is not in my budget to support.

I'd only vote yes if the project can run on it's own, meaning the user fees recovered will eventually pay for operating the facility. The facility construction should be paid by a bond issue, not taxes. If the Navarre board of Realtors wants this so badly, let them fund it.

As mention previously, keep the bed tax from Navarre Beach to pay for Navarre Beach improvements

I would have to know more details about the time frame and the amount before I could support it or suggest other options.

It would best serve the community to make it as low as possible. If our school system allowed community use of facilities; as is done in MOST states, it would not be as necessary to duplicate facilities.

Need facts/numbers.

Gasoline only!

the amount would have to be within reason

A user fee would still be needed.

Additional taxes for this project No different than if we add layer of taxation to become incorporated. Navarre residents continue to request additional amenities but without additional revenue, it is unrealistic to think we could fund these large scale infrastructure projects and pay for their maintenance once built.

Depending on the amount and duration.

See 13, above. No taxes. No community center. If this is the way you think money should be spent in this economy, then you are not fit to be a steward of county funds.

Do it like the library was done. People are used to that and it was successful.

No way. It would be a waste of time effort and money unless it was on beach.

We can not keep taxing folks as it will discourage people to move here if it starts with one tax then leads to another like Detroit. Don't do it

People on fixed income cannot afford another "fee". We are taxed to death now, We cannot pass on this to someone else so it just means we eat less and sand continue have a lower life style.

construction? all the vacant buildings around here - we can't find something to renovate

Virtually all these questions are for a Recreation Center. Use all SRC Commissioner's Recreation Funds for this, not just District 4. Put any proposed tax on a county wide ballot to be paid by all county residents.

We do not support any new taxes in the already over-taxed environment in which we live today.

Must be defined and voted on by the residents.

Absolutely not!

The area generates revenue that is not used in the south end.....put that money back in the area....

16. If programs were offered at a new facility, how would you prefer to financially support the services annually? - Other responses Answer

Sales Tax

Not

Fee for use only, no public tax dollars!

penny tax

PRIVATE INDUSTRY

No tax dollars

don"t raise any taxes

I don't know

facility not needed over other improvements

gasoline tax

NO SUPPORT-Dont need this

none

Combination of User fees and private partnership

Not at all

none

Abort this whole idea!

SRC Commissioner recreation funds

General Fund

16. If programs were offered at a new facility, how would you prefer to financially support the services annually? - Comments Answer

Not at all

N/A

Not taxes! Programs should either be funded through user fees. If this is not feasible for some programs, they should look for partnerships. i.e. If an 'investing for retirement' class was offered, there should be a user fee, and perhaps a national investment company with local agent(s) would cover the remaining costs.

Teen and youth programs should be FREE and funded by the community.

I do not think there is a need to compete with the other organized programs like the Y & NYSA offer. I think the tennis courts and basketball courts be FREE use. And, then there could be a rental fee on the meeting space, kitchen, etc.

User fees and public private partnerships. Bring in arts, entertainment etc that are revenue generators not only for the center but for the community. Again, this should be tied to some sort of plan for economic development that includes tourism and retaining our military families (instead of losing them to Destin or Okaloosa.

General property tax and user fees
Those that use them should pay
Let private businesses provide any services that are in demand.
no
Again, a variety of funding could be used to support ongoing services, however residents should assume responsibility for part of the funding.
Nice trick question...if this is built, then let the users pay for it and not every tax payer. I really don't see this being a need, but a want by a few.
SEE 13
Any "Programs" should be paid for by the consumers of these products.
Don't raise our taxes
All services offered should be based by the people. Have faith that the people will fill the house when it is built.
grants. Would need staff to operate and manage and pursue funding sources to include combo of things listed.
Use a gasoline tax only.
A combination of funding shares the burden.
make the programs offered revenue neutral, they should bring in enough revenue to cover the cost of staffing & Operational costs.
Similar to pier arrangement. Have interested parties bid on right to manage facility and programs offered.
No increase in property taxes
Don't build it. Don't tax me. Stay out of my pockets for anything except legitimate government purposes. I am not anti-tax. I am anti-waste and this is a tremendous waste of our time and money.
All room fees would be waived for a local resident who wanted to provide a class or services, child/care or recreational activity. They must apply for the space and get on a community calendar to use the spaace. They need to show their ID for verification of resident status.
MSTU only if located on beach. If we don't spend money on our beach how can we expect others to?
DON'T BUILD IT !!!
user fees only. No public money as all will not use and there are other choices
We don't need it and I do not want to support it financially.

17. The Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners currently does not own a suitable property in Navarre to build a new community center.

Answer
Donated land from Eglin AFB
Why would Hwy 98 not be cost effective? there are good deals to be had now.
not sure
No where
That leaves East Bay/399 or Hwy 87
near the high school
HWY 87/399 or near a school
How about not buying property and and not building it.
On or just off of Hwy 87.
I heard that the NOLF airfield was being considered for Navarre town center. Go forward with that plan by purchasing or asking for a donation from the government for land along highway 399 bike path and make the community center the first step in our town center I think being able to access the center by the bike path is very important.
Hwy 399 would probably be the least expensive
On Hwy 87 to help bring more business up that way.
Highway 87 close to Highway 98.□
Consider purchase of old bingo hall on highway 87.
Where ever it is - it must have PARKING
on 87 off 87 don't need to be anywhere close to 98
South 87, between 98 and East Bay Blvd or the "Navarre Town Center" area
What is wrong with the empty bingo parlor. It has ample parking and could be refitted to meet the needs for years to come.
highway 87 possible near Holley
Along Hwy 87.
You should put it along side Publics
On HWY 87 anywhere North of HWY 98
Somewhere along 87 - between 399 and 98
I like the bingo hall on 87 or the Calvary Church up a bit on 87 (the later being preferred)
Off 87 or
Hwy 87
Build the community center where it can draw tourist and be a viable venue. Please think about this as being a community asset that can lend itself to making Navarre a unique special place that people want to visit. Don't create another run down gym like the one by the YMCA. Bring back the public space concept in the Navarre Town Center Plan.
Area Benind Winn Dixie Or Near Publix.
On Highway 87.
off of 87
Along Highway 87 would be acceptable
On 399, or for the tax incentive, you might find someone willing to donate the property.
Dont build one now once the economy picks up them build one. Too many people are struggling right now to pay bills.
Somewhere off the beaten path and near residential/school areas. Ideally near the high school.
This question really only leaves 2 options, along hwy 87 or somewhere on 399 close to 87. I would recommend at least 2 acres with more parking than building, though if we're thinking on a grander scale, PLEASE consider parking in that.
On Highway 87 between Highway 98 and South of East Bay River
Off Panhandle Trail.
no where, not in favor of a new facility
Possibly the airfield on Hwy399 that is no longer being used with the stipulation that only a community/rec center be built. □
□
It seems there are a lot of empty lots on Hwy 87 that could be purchased.□
□
Wherever it is put, it's important to have enough land to allow expansion for future growth.
I like the idea of using the ex-bingo hall on hwy 87.
Somewhere along HWY 87.
There is really no place for this kind of building. How many folks are intended to be in the building at any one time?
?
Away from Hwy 98... it's too congested already & the only thourough fare through Navarre.
If you don't build it by the beach or by the sound, nobody will use it.
North end of Hwy 87 at the edge of Holly or where the existing soccer fields are located
Revamp the area at the NYSA. This building could be redone to have multiple programs.During the day not much is going on, and during the evening it's only the youth sports programs that utilize the area, and most of that is seasonal.This area can be utilized more efficiently: the cost of utilities are paid by the sports leagues.
The building on HWY 87 formerly holding Bingo might be a good location. There is also a 27 acre partial available for under \$200K at the intersection of Five Forks RD.
do not build it
state road 87 and east bay blvd area.
Along Highway 87 as close to the highschool as possible.
on the road near the highschool.
Hwy 87 near Holley
Highway 87
There is a rectangle of land at the bottom of Holley NOLF that has a street or two on the edge and appears to be unused. Possibly there? Or, between High School Blvd and Corsica there is land. Also, next to HN middle school and Resort St. there is vacant land- unsure if it is usable or not.
Somewhere along hyw 87
I believe an area off of Hwy. 87 would be suited for the community center because it is very close to the majority of residential areas of Navarre and also close to Navarre High School.

Turkey Bluff Road
In a reasonable proximity to other community recreational facilities with adequate roads/sidewalks for accessibility.
Hwy 87 or 399
87 S
High school area?
along 87, south of east river. or the currently wooded area by the NYSA and YMCA
Somewhere near town center
Not sure.
Acquire The property from Colonial pines mobile estates (unused Common areas)to locate on 98 and do away with the problems arising at this poorly run community.
Rather than giving a specific site, I would look at the parcels available and rate them based on a few criteria like: access, size, convenience to citizens, etc.
Right off highway 87, there is lots of property and it is centrally located for all residents. Most importantly off highway 98
Early it said SRCBC bought a sight already
Highway 87
Northeast of the bridge
County owns suitable property south of Navarre OLF
behind Winn Dixie; off 87 near the library; Near the High School; on 399 between 87 and Avenida del Sol.
Off of Hwy 87. It's central and the 4 lane rd can handle the traffic.
Perhaps a land near Navarre high school.
Off of Hwy 87 but south of Hwy 399
HWY 399 OR HWY 87 NEAR THE SCHOOL
Why wouldn't the beach be cost effective? Doesn't the county own the Beach park? Why not expand current programs. Fix what we have and get the bacteria out of the sound.
check Hwy 87 property
no where
Use the church property off hwy 87. Or, plan infrastructure improvements with the future city in mind
Hwy 87
Highway 87.
Centrally located for after school program. Possibly along Hwy 87
At a controlled intersection on hwy 87.
Holley would probably be the best palce to start looking.
Next to Publix
On Highway 87 somewhere.
Behind Publix somewhere
off of hwy 87
There is land along 98 that could be used; I don't think we can determine now what is cost-effective for land costs. Apart from that, along 87 would be a suitable option.
Property on Hwy 87?
Somewhere around Jay would be fine.
by the golf course
Behind the YMCA/across (south) of the NYSA. Vacant property located just west of HBTS, specifically west of Edgewater.□
□
Along SR 87 would be most beneficial if there's avaiable property.
Highway 87
Hwy 87
Along Highway 87 south of the bay or slightly north of 98 near the park. There was a plan for area development there and that is a good location.
Highway 87
Unsure of available property.
Area behind Burger King
Along SR 87 on the west side, south of High School Blvd.
Somewhere in the vicinity of the High School or HBTS
along hwy 87S
Anyplace except this county.
Use some of the current soccer fields
Somewhere in the "Town Center" district either behind the Publix or Bhind the Winn Dixie areas. This is central to the heart of Navarre and would serve neighborhoods that do not have access to HBTS or the YMCA.
Do not build one!
Highway 87
I think it would be great if it could be next to the Navarre Park... and along with that I have another suggestion: Instead of building a second bridge ... use the community center for a meet-up for a boat taxi service to Navarre Beach. And I -- Kimberly Shurlow and Peggy Henshaw (her idea) want a chance to bid on that contract.
It doesn't sound like a community center is cost effective at all. Why not spend the \$611,000 on improving what we have instead of it being allowed to deteriorate or spend it putting money into existing beach programs. If the beach isn't cost effective then why was money just given to the turtle house?
NEXT DOOR TO A COMMISSIONER'S HOME.□
□
(Then, I could watch him squirm out of this entire□
stupid, wasteful idea)!!
putting a facility off the beach or 98 would make it not usable or desirable or maybe not even visual to most residents that it is available for use.
Near the HS campus
In Holley
Navarre center.Another project many people wasted their time on!
Don't need it. If you didn't get it yet, I am opposed to this endeavor, it would be a waste of money and an additional burden for home owners forever.
hwy 87 the bingo building.
next door to Commissioner Melvin's house.□
Or just buy the existing community center behind Taco Bell.
Off Hwy 87
If such a community center is to be built, I would suggest locating it in West Navarre because the YMCA is located in East Navarre.
On hwy 87
Highway 87
No where
On Hwy 87, as close as possible to the library and senior center.
Somewhere near/on SR 87, not too far north. That seems to be fairly central. It seems to work for the library.
See question 3.
How about Hwy 87? Or looking for a building and property that could be remodled to fit our needs
87 would be the best property....but it doesn't have to be out in the open....people do not have to "see it" to make it profitable....there is a lot of private property near the high school...or on the off roads between 87 and 98.....cost should be the number one consideration.
Hwy. 87
Some where up 87. The road construction up there should count for something other than getting back and forth to Milton....